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SUBJ: DAHOMEAN GOVT SEIZES LATEST ISSUE OF AFRIQUE NOUVELLE

1. DAHOMEAN GOVT HAS SEIZED ALL COPIES OF MOST RECENT ISSUE OF AFRIQUE NOUVELLE (EITHER MARCH 19-25OR MARCH 26-APRIL 1) ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN COTONOU, THAT ISSUE CONTAINS A LETTER FROM JUDGE DOMINIQUE ZINSOU WHO FLED THE COUNTRY FEW WEEKS AGO. ZINSOU WAS A MAGISTRATE TO WHOM BORNA'S LAWYER, ADRIEN HOUNGBEDJI, SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO ESTABLISH THAT KEREKOU RECEIVED BRIBES. HOUNGBEDJI WAS ARRESTED AND THE DOCUMENTS DAMAGING TO KEREKOU WERE SUPPRESSED BY THE GOVT. ZINSOU REPORTEDLY LEFT DAHOMEY IN DESPAIR WHEN HE REALIZED THAT THE GOVT, INITIATES INVESTIGATION INTO THE ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW KEREKOU IN JAN, WOULD USE KANGAROO PROCEDURES AND THUS DEMOLISH THE RULE OF LAW IN DAHOMEY.

2. IN ANY EVENT, ZINSOU'S LETTER REPORTEDLY CRITICIZES IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY PROCEEDINGS. MAGAZINE MAY ALSO CARRY INTERVIEW WITH HOUNGBEDJI, ONE OF SEVEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH. LATTER ESCAPED PRISON MARCH 5 AND SUCCEEDED IN GETTING OUT OF COUNTRY. DOMINIQUE ZINSOU, HOUNGBEDJI, AND AMEDEO ADOTEVI, ALONG WITH EX PRES EMILE DERLIN ZINSOU, ARE SAID TO BE IN LOME ORGANIZING A NEW ANTI-KEREKOU RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF LOME COULD SECURE
AND POUCH US ONE COPY OF ISSUE IN QUESTION.
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